## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A high temperature	rigid fiber	board fo	rmed by a	process
2	comprising t	he steps of:				

providing a fibrous material, the fibrous material including 4 alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or a combination

5 thereof;

6 performing fiberization;

7 forming a fibrous mat;

8 accumulating layers of built-up/fibrous mat;

heating and pressing the fibrous mat to achieve a desired thickness thereof; and

11 drying the fibrous mat/to form a fibrous high temperature 12 pressed board product.

The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding a filler material.

- 1 3. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with 2 claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding 3 dry/granular binder.
- 1 4. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with 2 claim 2, the process further comprising the step of: adding 3 dry/granular binder.
- 5. The fiber board formed by the process of claim 3, further comprising the step of adding the binder just after the fiberization step and before the formation of the fibrous mat.

- 1 6. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further 2 comprising the step of adding the binder at the fiberization step and 3 before the formation of the fibrous mat.
- 7. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further comprising the step of adding water to dissolve the binder.
- 1 8. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein 2 the water is applied just prior to the hot pressing step.
- 9. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein the water is added in the form of encapsulated moisture in the same vicinity the binder is added.
- 1 10. A fiberous board comprising a body of fibers adhered 2 together.
- 1 11. The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the fiber is selected 2 from the group consisting of alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral 3 wool or any combination of thereof.
- 1 12. The fiberous board of claim 10, comprising a body of 2 refractory ceramic fiber and mineral wool adhered to the refractory 3 ceramic fiber.
- 1 13. The fibrous board of claim 11, wherein the ceramic fiber 2 and mineral wool are adhered by at least one binder.
- 1 /14. The fibrous board of claim 13, wherein the at least one 2 binder is an inorganic binder.
- 1 15. The fibrous board of claim 14, wherein the inorganic 2 binder is selected from the group consisting powder or granular

- 3 potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or
- 4 phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof.
- 1 16. The fibrous board of claim 15, further comprising at least
- 2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays,
- 3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.
- 1 17. The fibrous board of claim 13, further comprising at least 2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays, 3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.
- 1 18. The fibrous board of claim 15, wherein the fiber weight 2 percent is about 70-98%, the weight percent of binder is 2-20%, and 3 the weight percent of filler is 0-15%.
- 1 19. The fibrous board of claim 18, wherein the board is greater 2 than 50% inorganic.
- 1 20. The fibrous board of claim 19, wherein the board is greater 2 than 75% inorganic.
- 1 21. The fibrous board of claim 20, wherein the board is greater 2 than 85% inorganic.
- 1 22. The fibrous board of claim 21, wherein the board is greater 2 than 99% inorganic.
- 1 23 The fibrous board of claim 18, which exhibits no off 2 gassing.
- The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the binder is added into the process as, or just after, the fiber is being produced or as the mat or fleece is being developed.

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- 25. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 8, wherein vater spray is added to the top and bottom surfaces at a rate of 10-30% of fiber basis weight on each of the two surfaces.
- 1 , 26. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 25, wherein 2 the water further comprises wetting agents to improve water 3 penetration into the fiber mat.
  - 27. The fiberboard of claim 25, wherein the density and thickness is determined by being subjected to a hot press at a temperature sufficient to produce steam and for a period of time sufficient to dry or nearly dry the board. Typical temperatures are 350°F-600°F.
- 28. A process comprising a fiber board incorporating fiber, binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a continuous manner, whereby accumulating wheels of layers of built up fibrous mat of desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.
- 29. A process comprising a fiber board incorporating fiber, binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a continuous manner, whereby accumulating wheels of layers of continuous mat of desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.
- 30. A process comprising a fiber board, free of fillers, incorporating fiber, binder(s) and using a process wherein the binders

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are added at or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a batch manner, whereby accumulating wheels of layers of built up fibrous mat of desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.

- 31. A process comprising a fiber board incorporating fiber, binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a batch manner, whereby accumulating wheels of layers of continuous mat of desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.
- 32. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising a ceramic
   fiber, an inorganic binder and a filler.
  - 33. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising about 70-98% weight percent of alumina silical fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or any combination of thereof, about 2-20% of powder or granular potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof, and about 0-15% of clay, cement, perlite, or vermiculite and combinations thereof.